

No.

200500025



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Holden's Foundation Seeds L. L. C.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR PROPAGATING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

CORN, FIELD

'LH324'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirtieth day of January, in the year two thousand and eight.

Attest:

Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE
(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF OWNER Holden's Foundation Seeds L.L.C.		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NAME None		3. VARIETY NAME LH324	
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 3100 Sycamore Road DeKalb, IL 60115 U.S.A.		5. TELEPHONE (Include area code) (815) 758-9281		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 2005 0002 5 FILING DATE Dec. 6, 2004	
		6. FAX (Include area code) (815) 758-4106			
7. IF THE OWNER NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation		8. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware		9. DATE OF INCORPORATION August 27, 1999	
10. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION. (First person listed will receive all papers)				FILING AND EXAMINATION FEES: \$ 3652.00 DATE 12/6/04 CERTIFICATION FEE: \$ 768.00 DATE 11/21/07	
Dr. Tim Kain, Patent Scientist Monsanto Company 8350 Minnegan Road Waterman IL 60556 Ph. 815-758-9281 Fax 815-758-3117 trkain@monsanto.com Michael J. Roth 800 N. Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, MO					
11. TELEPHONE (Include area code)		12. FAX (Include area code)		13. E-MAIL trkain@monsanto.com	
14. CROP KIND (Common Name) Corn, Field					
15. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME OF CROP Zea mays		16. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Graminae		17. IS THE VARIETY A FIRST GENERATION HYBRID? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
18. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse)				19. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes", answer items 20 and 21 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no", go to item 22)	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of Variety d. <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety (Optional) e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Owner's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties, verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$3,652), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to the Plant Variety Protection Office)				20. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF CLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, WHICH CLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
21. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? IF YES, SPECIFY THE NUMBER 1,2,3, etc. FOR EACH CLASS. <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED (If additional explanation is necessary, please use the space indicated on the reverse.)				22. HAS THE VARIETY (INCLUDING ANY HARVESTED MATERIAL) OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THIS VARIETY BEEN SOLD, DISPOSED OF, TRANSFERRED, OR USED IN THE U. S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE DATE OF FIRST SALE, DISPOSITION, TRANSFER, OR USE FOR EACH COUNTRY AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)	
23. IS THE VARIETY OR ANY COMPONENT OF THE VARIETY PROTECTED BY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT (PLANT BREEDER'S RIGHT OR PATENT)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, PLEASE GIVE COUNTRY, DATE OF FILING OR ISSUANCE AND ASSIGNED REFERENCE NUMBER. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)					
24. The owners declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety has been furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate. The undersigned owner(s) is(are) the owner of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Owner(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.					
SIGNATURE OF OWNER Timothy R. Kain			SIGNATURE OF OWNER		
NAME (Please print or type) Timothy R. Kain			NAME (Please print or type)		
CAPACITY OR TITLE Patent Scientist		DATE 12/2/04		CAPACITY OR TITLE	
				DATE	

INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), ALL of the following items must be received in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed exhibits A, B, C, E; (3) for a seed reproduced variety at least 2,500 viable untreated seeds, for a hybrid variety at least 2,500 untreated seeds of each line necessary to reproduce the variety, or for tuber reproduced varieties verification that a viable (in the sense that it will reproduce an entire plant) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository; (4) check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$3,652 (\$432 filing fee and \$3,220 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.) Partial applications will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days, then returned to the applicant as unfilled. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 401, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be initialed and dated. **DO NOT** use masking materials to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to send a check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$432 for issuance of the certificate. Certificates will be issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

Plant Variety Protection Office

Telephone: (301) 504-5518

FAX: (301) 504-5291

Homepage: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/science/pvpo/pvp.htm>

ITEM

- 18a. Give: (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method;
(2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication;
(3) evidence of uniformity and stability; and
(4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified
- 18b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety is most similar to one variety or a group of related varieties:
(1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively;
(2) attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and
(3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness.
- 18c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO Office for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form as completely as possible to describe your variety.
- 18d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- 18e. Section 52(5) of the Act requires applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An Exhibit E form is available from the PVPO.
19. If "Yes" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of certified seed), the applicant **MAY NOT** reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, the decision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, the applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 97.103).
22. See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
23. See Section 55 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.

21. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide a statement as to the limitation and sequence of generations that may be certified.)

22. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety (including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the U.S. or other countries.)

Sold in U.S. – February 2004

23. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned reference number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Right or Patent).)

U.S. Patent

December 8, 2003 – Application Serial No. 10/730,363

NOTES: It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner to keep the PVPO informed of any changes of address or change of ownership or assignment or owner's representative during the life of the application/certificate. There is no charge for filing a change of address. The fee for filing a change of ownership or assignment or any modification of owner's name is specified in Section 97.175 of the regulations. (See Section 101 of the Act, and Sections 97.130, 97.131, 97.175(h) of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant must check the appropriate recognized authority. For example, for agricultural and vegetable crops, contact: Seed Branch, AMS, USDA, Room 213, Building 306, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center–East, Beltsville, MD 20705. Telephone: (301) 504-8089. <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/seed.htm>

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0581-0055. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 3.0 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ST-470 (02-10-2003) designed by the Plant Variety Protection Office with Word 2000. Replaces former versions of ST-470, which are obsolete.

EXHIBIT AOrigin and Breeding History
LH324

LH324 was developed from the single cross of LH172 x LH283 by selfing and using the pedigree system of plant breeding. Yield, stalk quality, root quality, disease tolerance, late plant greenness, late plant intactness, ear retention, pollen shedding ability, silking ability and corn borer tolerance were the criteria used to determine the rows from which ears were selected during the development of LH324.

LH172 and LH283 the progenitors of LH324, are both proprietary field corn inbred lines of Holden's Foundation Seeds, L.L.C., of Williamsburg, Iowa. In August 1992, Holden's applied for plant variety protection of LH172. On August 31, 1993 LH172 was awarded certificate #9200249. A utility patent #5,276,266 issued by the United States Patent Office on January 4, 1994 also protects LH172. In January 1997, Holden's applied for plant variety protection of LH283. On May 29, 1998 LH283 was awarded certificate #970078. A utility patent #5,773,683 issued by the United States Patent Office on June 30, 1998 also protects LH283.

Statement of Stability and UniformityStatement of Variants

LH324 has shown uniformity and stability for all traits described in Exhibit C. It has been self-pollinated and ear-rowed a sufficient number of generations, with careful attention to uniformity of plant type to ensure homozygosity and phenotypic stability. The line has been increased both by hand (Iowa 2001 and 2002) and sibbed in isolated production fields (Hawaii 2003 and Iowa 2003) with continued observations for uniformity. William D. Griffith, the originating plant breeder, has observed LH324 all four generations it has been increased. The line is stable, uniform and no variant traits have been observed or are anticipated in LH324.

EXHIBIT A
(cont'd)

Origin and Breeding History
LH324

<u>Field/Row</u> Harris Farm	<u>Pedigree</u> LH324	<u>Location</u> Iowa	<u>Year</u> 2003
02OP2B25	LH324	Hawaii	2003
33348-33357	Ex6355	Iowa	2002
33757	LH172 x LH283@7	Iowa	2001
37936	LH172 x LH283@6	Iowa	2000
2811	LH172 x LH283@5	Mexico	2000
8399	LH172 x LH283@4	Indiana	1999
3790	LH172 x LH283@3	Hawaii	1999
168	LH172 x LH283@2	Indiana	1998
251	LH172 x LH283@1	Indiana	1997
23786	LH172 x LH283@0	Hawaii	1997
18180	LH172	Iowa	1996
18177	LH283		

EXHIBIT B
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Statement of Distinctness

Holden's Foundation Seeds L.L.C. believes that Corn Variety LH324 is most similar to Corn Variety LH172, an inbred developed by Holden's Foundation Seeds L.L.C. (PVP No. 9200249).

Corn Variety LH324 differ from Corn Variety LH172 at the following traits:

Trait	LH324	LH172
Anther Color	Yellow (2.5 Y 8/10)	Purple (5 RP 5/8)
Glume Color	Light Red (5 R 5/8)	Green (5 GY 4/8)
Position of Ear	Pendent	Upright

Description of Experimental Design

The corn varieties LH324, LH172 and B73 were grown at the Waterman, IL observation nursery in years 2003-2004 (2002-2004 for B73). The varieties were planted in 2 row plots with 15 plants per row in each of the three years. Trait data were collected on 10 random representative plants for most traits from each 2 row plot. Data on qualitative traits are usually collected on 10 plants from each 2 row plot. For Exhibit C all data were pooled and reported as means across the six years for subject variety and 2 years for standard variety with standard deviation. The varieties are randomly planted in a 4.5 acre observation nursery which is located within a larger 18 acre field. Besides the observation nursery, this field consists of a research seed increase nursery and an IP seed inventory nursery. The location of each of these individual nurseries is rotated each year to a different location within the 18 acre field. Therefore subject inbreds are not planted adjacent to comparative or standard varieties and may be located in different areas of the larger field each year, therefore being influenced by spacial differences within the field. Growing conditions within the field are not uniform as there are some slight topographical variations such as lower areas which may accumulate and retain water or higher areas which are usually drier. The field is tiled and therefore a variety maybe planted close to a tile line while a comparative variety maybe planted further away and in a low spot within the field. Temporal varieties can exist as weather conditions from year to year can vary as well as planting dates can vary from year to year based on weather conditions. Weather conditions each year can vary the maturity rate of the varieties due to either favorable or unfavorable growing conditions.

Trait variability is not observed for each variety within its own test plot-plants are usually uniform and data are collected on the "most" representative plants- variability occurs due to spacial location of the test plot for that variety from year to year and to the temporal variation of weather conditions from year to year during the 2-3 years data are collected.

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EXHIBIT B
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Waterman Research Station
Weather Data 2003-2004

Date	Average Precip. (mm)	Ave. Monthly Temp – Max. (F°)	Ave. Monthly Temp-Min (F°)	Ave. Monthly Rel. Humid.- Max (%)	Ave. Monthly Rel. Humid – Min (%)
June 2003	1.7	76	54	90.6	44.3
July 2003	3.3	82	60	93.6	53.2
August 2003	1.3	84	61	9.3	50.5
Sept. 2003	2.1	74	51	92.4	42.9
June 2004	3.1	76	57	92.8	50.8
July 2004	3.2	79	59	94.9	55.6
August 2004	3.0	75	55	95.8	55.3
Sept. 2004	0.5	78	52	95.0	43.0

United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service
Science Division, Plant Variety Protection Office
National Agricultural Library Building, Room 500
Beltsville, MD 20705

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
CORN (*Zea mays* L.)

Name of Applicant(s) Holden's Foundation Seeds L.L.C.		Variety Seed Source		Variety Name or Temporary Designation LH324																																											
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Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal characters typical of this inbred variety in the spaces below. Right justify whole numbers by adding leading zeroes if necessary. Completeness should be striven for to establish an adequate variety description. Traits designated by a '*' are considered necessary for an adequate variety description and must be completed.																																															
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5. LEAF:				Standard Deviation	Sample Size	Standard Deviation				Sample Size
*	0	1	0. 2 cm Width of Ear Node Leaf	1.0	20	7.5	0.9			30
*	0	7	2. 4 cm Length of Ear Node Leaf	4.9	20	7 4.8	5.7			30
*			5. 6 Number of leaves above top ear	0.5	20	5.5	0.5			15
	2	3.	8 degrees Leaf Angle	7.4	20	23.5	3.7			30
			(measure from 2nd leaf above ear at anthesis to stalk above leaf)							
*	0	3	Leaf Color (Munsell code 5 GY 3/4)			0 2 (Munsell code 5 GY 4/8)				
			1 Leaf Sheath Pubescence(Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=peach fuzz)			5				
			5 Marginal Waves (Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=many)			6				
			6 Longitudinal Creases (Rate on scale from 1=none to 9=many)			6				
6. TASSEL:				Standard Deviation	Sample Size	Standard Deviation				Sample Size
*	5.	6	Number of Primary Lateral Branches	2.4	20	5. 5	0.9			30
	2	3.	8 Branch Angle from Central Spike	5.3	20	2 8. 0	8.4			30
	3	5.	5 cm Tassel Length	4.0	20	4 5.6	2.6			30
			(from top leaf collar to tassel tip)							
	7.	1	Pollen Shed (Rate on scale from 0=maie sterile to 9=heavy shed)			6.8				
	0	7	Anther Color (Munsell code 2.5 Y 8/10)			0 7 (Munsell code 2.5 Y 8/10)				
	1	2	Glume Color (Munsell code 5 R 5/8)			1 7 (Munsell code 5 RP 5/8)				
			1 Bar Glumes (Glume Bands): 1=Absent 2=Present			1				
7a. EAR (Unhusked Data):										
*	0	5	Silk Color (3 days after emergence) (Munsell code 2.5 GY 8/6)			0 7 (Munsell code 2.5 Y 8/10)				
	0	2	Fresh Husk Color (25 days after 50% silking) (Munsell code 5 GY 4/8)			0 2 (Munsell code 5GY 4/8)				
	2	1	Dry Husk Color (65 days after 50% Silking) (Munsell code 2.5 Y 8/4)			2 1 (Munsell code 2.5 Y 8/4)				
*			3 Position of Ear at Dry Husk Stage: 1=Upright 2=Horizontal 3=Pendent			1				
			7 Husk Tightness (Rate on scale from 1=very loose to 9=very tight)			9				
			1 Husk Extension (at harvest): 1=Short (ears exposed) 2=Medium (<8 cm)			2				
			3=Long (8-10 cm beyond ear tip) 4=Very Long (>10 cm)							
7b. EAR (Husked Ear Data):				Standard Deviation	Sample Size	Standard Deviation				Sample Size
*	1	6.	8 mm Ear Length	1.4	20	1 3.7	0.4			30
*	4	2.	9 mm Ear Diameter at mid-point	3.5	15	4 4.4	1.1			15
	1 0 8 .	4	gm Ear Weight	5.7	15	1 2 8.7	6.5			15
*			1 6 Number of Kernel Rows	1.1	15	1 7.6	1.7			15
			2 Kernel Rows: 1=Indistinct 2=Distinct			2				
			1 Row Alignment: 1=Straight 2=Slightly Curved 3=Spiral			1				
	1	1.	6 cm Shank Length	3.6	15	7.7	2.6			15
			2 Ear Taper: 1=Slight 2=Average 3=Extreme			2				
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8. KERNEL (Dried):			Standard Deviation	Sample Size	Standard Deviation Sample Size		
0	9. 4 mm Kernel Length	0.3	15	1	1.7	0.1	15
0	7. 3 mm Kernel Width	0.5	15	7.8	0.3	15	
0	4. 1 mm Kernel Thickness	0.2	15	4.0	0.2	15	
2	8. 7 % Round Kernels (Shape Grade)	7.4	500g	3	8.7	6.4	500g
1 Aleurone Color Pattern: 1=Homozygous 2=Segregating				1			
(*)	1 9 Aleurone Color (Munsell code Lighter than 2.5 Y 9/2)			1	9	(Munsell code Lighter than 2.5 Y 9/2)	
*	0 8 Hard Endosperm Color (Munsell code 7.5 YR 6/8)			2	6	(orange) (Munsell code 7.5 YR 7/8)	
*	0 3 Endosperm Type: 1=Sweet (sul) 2=Extra Sweet (sh2) 3=Normal Starch 4=High Amylose Starch 5=Waxy Starch 6=High Protein 7=High Lysine 8=Super Sweet (se) 9=High Oil 10=Other			0	3		
3	0. 0 gm Weight per 100 Kernels (unsized sample)	0.8	1500 seeds	2	3. 1	0.6	2000 seeds
9. COB:			Standard Deviation	Sample Size	Standard Deviation Sample Size		
*	2 6. 3 mm Cob Diameter at mid-point	1.2	15	2	7.1	1.7	15
	1 4 Cob Color (Munsell code 5 R 3/8)			1	1	(Munsell code 5 R 6/6)	
10. DISEASE RESISTANCE (Rate from 1 (most susceptible) to 9 (most resistant); leave blank if not tested; leave Race or Strain Options blank if polygenic):							
A. Leaf Blights, Wilts, and Local Infection Diseases							
6 Anthracnose Leaf Blight (<i>Colletotrichum graminicola</i>)				6			
7 Common Rust (<i>Puccinia sorghi</i>)				5			
Common Smut (<i>Ustilago maydis</i>)				7			
7 Eyespot (<i>Kabatella zeae</i>)				7			
8 Goss's Wilt (<i>Clavibacter michiganense</i> spp. <i>nebraskense</i>)				7			
5 Gray Leaf Spot (<i>Cercospora zeae-maydis</i>)				7			
6 Helminthosporium Leaf Spot (<i>Bipolaris zeicola</i>) Race 2				7	Race 2		
6 Northern Leaf Blight (<i>Exserohilum turcicum</i>) Race 1				5	Race 1		
7 Southern Leaf Blight (<i>Bipolaris maydis</i>) Race 0				3	Race 0		
Southern Rust (<i>Puccinia polysora</i>)				6			
8 Stewart's Wilt (<i>Erwinia stewartii</i>)				6			
Other (Specify) _____				--	_____		
B. Systemic Diseases							
Corn Lethal Necrosis (MCMV and MDMV)				--			
Head Smut (<i>Sphacelotheca reiliana</i>)				--			
Maize Chlorotic Dwarf Virus (MCDV)				--			
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Sorghum Downy Mildew of Corn (<i>Peronosclerospora sorghi</i>)				--			
Other (Specify) _____				--	_____		
C. Stalk Rots							
Anthracnose Stalk Rot (<i>Colletotrichum graminicola</i>)				--			
Diplodia Stalk Rot (<i>Stenocarpella maydis</i>)				--			
Fusarium Stalk Rot (<i>Fusarium moniliforme</i>)				--			
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Other (Specify) _____				--	_____		
D. Ear and Kernel Rots							
Aspergillus Ear and Kernel Rot (<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>)				--			
Diplodia Ear Rot (<i>Stenocarpella maydis</i>)				--			
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11. INSECT RESISTANCE (Rate from 1 (most susceptible) to 9 (most resistant); leave blank if not tested):				
- Banks Grass Mite (<i>Oligonychus pratensis</i>) - Corn Earworm (<i>Helicoverpa zea</i>) Leaf-Feeding Silk Feeding : _____ mg larval wt. - Ear Damage - Corn Leaf Aphid (<i>Rhopalosiphum maidis</i>) - Corn Sap Beetle (<i>Carpophilus dimidiatus</i>) - European Corn Borer (<i>Ostrinia nubilalis</i>) 4 1st Generation (Typically Whorl Leaf Feeding) - 2nd Generation (Typically Leaf Sheath-Collar Feeding) Stalk Tunneling : _____ cm tunneled/plant Fall Armyworm (<i>Spodoptera frugiperda</i>) Leaf-Feeding Silk-Feeding : _____ mg larval wt. - Maize Weevil (<i>Sitophilus zeamais</i>) - Northern Rootworm (<i>Diabrotica barberi</i>) - Southern Rootworm (<i>Diabrotica undecimpunctata</i>) - Southwestern Corn Borer (<i>Diatraea grandiosella</i>) Leaf Feeding Stalk Tunneling : _____ cm tunneled/plant - Two-spotted Spider Mite (<i>Tetranychus urticae</i>) - Western Rootworm (<i>Diabrotica virgifera virgifera</i>) - Other (Specify) _____	Standard Deviation	Sample Size	Standard Deviation	Sample Size
12. AGRONOMIC TRAITS:				
6 Stay Green (at 65 days after anthesis) (Rate on a scale from 1=worst to 9=excellent.)				2
0 0.0 % Dropped Ears (at 65 days after anthesis)				0 0.0
0 0.0 % Pre-anthesis Brittle Snapping				0 0.0
0 0.0 % Pre-anthesis Root Lodging				0 0.0
0 0.0 % Post-anthesis Root Lodging (at 65 days after anthesis)				0 0.0
- - - Kg/ha Yield of Inbred Per Se (at 12-13% grain moisture)				- - -
13. MOLECULAR MARKERS: (0=data unavailable; 1=data available but not supplied; 2=data supplied)				
0 Isozymes 0 RFLP's 0 RAPD's				
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COMMENTS (eg. state how heat units were calculated, standard inbred seed source, and/or where data was collected. Continue in Exhibit D):				
Heat Unit Calculation: $GDU = \frac{\text{Daily Max Temp } (<=86^{\circ}\text{F}) + \text{Daily Min Temp } (>=50^{\circ}\text{F})}{2} - 50^{\circ}\text{F}$				
Supplemental data provided for pollen shed, ear weight, % round kernels and weight per 100 kernels from 2006 production parent test data and 2006 seed inventory data.				

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE**EXHIBIT E**
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). The information is held confidential until the certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Holden's Foundation Seeds L.L.C.	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER	3. VARIETY NAME LH324
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP, and Country) 3100 Sycamore Road DeKalb, IL 60115 U.S.A.	5. TELEPHONE (Include area code) (815) 758-9281	6. FAX (Include area code) (815) 758-3711
7. PVPO NUMBER		200500025

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in the appropriate block. If no, please explain.



YES



NO

9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or a U.S. based company? If no, give name of country.



YES



NO

10. Is the applicant the original owner?



YES



NO

If no, please answer one of the following:

a. If the original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. National(s)?



YES



NO

If no, give name of country

b. If the original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?



YES



NO

If no, give name of country

11. Additional explanation on ownership (Trace ownership from original breeder to current owner. Use the reverse for extra space if needed):

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PLEASE NOTE:

Plant variety protection can only be afforded to the owners (not licensees) who meet the following criteria:

1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

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